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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6128

BILL NUMBER: SB 109

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 20, 2012

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Fire Protection District Per Diems.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Randolph

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill increases (from \$20 to \$100) the maximum amount that a member of a fire protection district board of fire trustees may receive for each day devoted to the work of the district.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* The impact of this bill on FPD trustee per diem payments for fire protection district (FPD) boards is indeterminable and dependent on local action.

As an example, a five-member trustee board would require \$500 per meeting to pay each trustee a \$100 per diem. (Total per diem for 5 trustees costs \$100 per meeting at the current maximum per diem of \$20.) Based on a survey, 58 out of 65 known FPDs reported a total of 271 trustees (an average of approximately 5 members per trustee board). At least two of the known FPD trustee boards are currently not paid a per diem for their service. Assuming that there are 315 paid trustees and that the trustees are all currently paid \$20 per meeting, paying them an additional \$80 per meeting would make the maximum impact to local expenditures \$25,200 per meeting [\$31,500 - \$6,300].

Background: FPD Boards- FPD trustee boards must have at least three members. Generally, there is one

trustee for each political subdivision in an FPD. An additional trustee is added, when necessary, to insure an odd-numbered board. Boards typically are made up of three, five, or seven trustees.

Budgets & Levies- The 65 identified FPDs had total certified budgets of \$32.7 M and certified levies of \$23.9 M for CY 2012.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Fire protection districts.

Information Sources: LSA survey of county auditors, township trustees, FPD trustees, fire chiefs, and Internet resources; LOGODABA.

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